Cemetery Commission Meeting

Thursday February 4, 2021

The regular meeting for the Cemetery Commission convened at 7:15 p.m. in the cemetery office at 32 Wilbraham Road. In attendance were Mr. David Beaudoin, Dr. Richard Smith, and Mr. Kyle DeMaio.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes for the Last Meeting:

Mr. Beaudoin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 11/5/20. Dr. Smith seconded and it was voted.

Capital Plan:

Dr. Smith said he received an email from the town accountant looking for clarification on a couple items for the cemetery on the town's capital plan. Regarding the tractor, Mr. DeMaio said their tractor was getting older and he would like a new, larger tractor so he wouldn't have to rely on the highway department to dig the graves. After discussion, it was decided that as long as the highway department continues to help with digging the graves, the cemetery department can wait a few more years before they need a new one. Also in question was an addition to the cemetery department building. Mr. DeMaio stated that they now have to store some equipment in the tomb in Hillside cemetery which is wet. Besides prolonging the life of the equipment, it is more efficient to keep all their equipment in one place. It was decided to keep the addition on the capital plan as is. Also discussed was using the cemetery Sale of Graves account to fund resurfacing Hillside and Hillcrest cemeteries.

Discussion on Hillside Arch and Tomb Repair:

Mr. Beaudoin received an email from Mr. Laroche. Mr. Laroche had contacted the engineering firm to get further information on the repairs needed ahead of the CPA application deadline.

Update on North Main Street Cemetery Rear Fencing:

Mr. De Maio spoke to GMH fence about the north Main Street cemetery fence. Due to COVID, the cost has gone up from \$4780 to \$6769. This new price was still lower than the other company's original quote. The Commission decided to continue to go with GMH using funds from the perpetual care account. Mr. DeMaio will call the company and get them to start as soon as possible.

Review Status of Equipment, Grounds, Fences, Walls and Buildings:

Mr. DeMaio stated they have been doing maintenance on the equipment and everything is good.

At 7:45 p.m., Dr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Beaudoin seconded, and it was unanimously VOTED.

Richard Smith, Clerk